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Timely Tidbits ...

CUMC To Host Free Christian Concert

Reverend William Kren and the congregation of Community United Methodist Church have invited the public to attend a free Christian concert – featuring the band "Heaven Sown" – to be held at the church (located at 11160 Olive) on Saturday, May 31, beginning at 6 p.m.

A freewill offering will be taken to cover expenses.

For more information, call the church at 734-941-0736.

Basham Appointed to Labor Committee

State Senator Ray Basham (D-Taylor) recently announced his appointment to the influential National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Labor and Workforce Committee.

Basham said he hopes that his years of experience as a union activist will be helpful during his service on the committee.

"It's an honor to be asked to help represent our state on the NCSL committee dedicated to identifying and addressing the problems facing America's working families," he stated. "NCSL provides legislators from all over the country an opportunity to share ideas and influence public policy nationally."

The National Conference of State Legislatures is based in Washington, D.C. According to the official NCSL Website, the organization is dedicated to improving the quality and effectiveness of state legislatures, promoting policy innovation and communication among state legislatures, and ensuring state legislatures are a strong, cohesive voice in the federal system.

Senator Basham worked for the Ford Motor Company for 30 years, and served as an employee support services representative for 12 years.

Basham also served 19 years on the United Auto Workers Local 245 Bargaining Committee. □

City's Annual Programs Inspire Romulus Residents To Start Their Spring Cleaning

Just in time for spring cleaning, the City of Romulus has announced dates for three annual programs designed to help our community look its best.

Clean Sweep Day

Clean Sweep Day, a project spearheaded by Councilman LeRoy Burcroff, has been set for Saturday, May 17.

"The City's Clean Sweep program was a big success last year," said Burcroff. "Many individuals and community groups donated their time to pick up trash throughout the town."

Citizens who want to do their part on Clean Sweep Day may choose to work, on their own, in a neighborhood of their choice, or they can report to Romulus City Hall between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to receive an "assignment" and, if needed, some equipment.

"The city's ordinance people have been keeping an eye out for heavily littered areas in need of cleanup," Burcroff said. "They have also assembled materials such as trash bags, 'pokers,' and gloves for volunteers' use."

Burcroff advises volunteers to take the utmost care when gathering trash and bagging it for curb-side disposal.

"Avoid dangerous debris like broken glass," he said. "Just push it to the curb or some other out-of-the-way area rather than try to pick it up."

Burcroff said he hopes that this year's turnout will be even better.

"Taking part in Clean Sweep is a great way to show your pride in Romulus," he explained. "It's an opportunity to assume a caring, responsible role in your neighborhood."

To find out more about Clean Sweep, contact the office of Mayor Alan R. Lambert: 734-942-7570.

Free Dumping

Spring cleaning has a way of turning up a big bunch of unwanted trash – more, in fact, than can be readily disposed of at the curb in front of your home. To help you get rid of the mess without ridding yourself of your hard-earned money, the City is sponsoring free dumping for Romulus residents only

on Saturday, May 17, and again during the week of Monday, May 19, through Saturday, May 24.

For a complete list of dumping rules, pick up a flyer at Romulus City Hall or watch for the May 16 issue of "the little paper."

City-wide Rummage Sale

But what do you do with all those "treasures" that you couldn't bear to throw away, despite the fact that your closets and shelves are crammed completely full? Sell them during the annual City-wide Rummage Sale Weekend, set for May 29–June 1, and cram your wallet with cash, instead.

To register for a free one-, two-, three-, or four-day rummage-sale permit, and also take advantage of free advertising for the event, stop in at the Recreation Center (located at 36515 Bibbins) by 12 p.m. on Thursday, May 8. Late registrants will still receive a free permit, but will not be included in flyers and newspaper ads. For more info, call the Recreation Center: 734-942-6852. □

School District Purchases 10 Defibrillators

William Routhier, director of business and operations for Romulus Community Schools, recently reported that the district has purchased 10 defibrillators for use in medical emergencies.

"We now have one defibrillator for each district building, with two at the High School," he said.

Routhier noted that staff members will be attending workshops to receive training on the use of the defibrillators. District nurse Carol Wolan already has presented one such workshop, which covered topics such as proper body positioning, pad placement, and operation of the machine itself.

Funds for the new defibrillators came from the school district's \$34-million bond program, which voters approved in 1999.

"The program has earned more than \$2.5 million in interest and financed several additional projects thanks to careful construction management led by Bill Routhier, [maintenance director] Don Morris, and Barton Mallow [construction company]," said district spokesperson Dick Kruse. "Their expertise has provided many savings opportunities for the district." □



Romulus Community Schools nurse Carol Wolan (second from left) demonstrated correct placement of a defibrillator pad during a workshop attended by district staff members (from left) Jeffery Royal (director of Special Services), Debbie Juriga (principal, Wick Elementary School), Sharon Silveri (principal, Halecreek Elementary School), Shellie Moore (principal, Merriman Elementary School), and Cherryl Brackney (learning specialist, Halecreek Elementary School).

New Animal Grooming Shop Is Paws-itively Dedicated to Pets



Fluff-n-Puff's Robin Modrzynski takes the utmost care when grooming her furry friends.

By Rikki Strobos

If a love for your profession is any guarantee, then Romulus's new Fluff-n-Puff pet-grooming shop is sure to be a howling success.

"My partner and I genuinely care for animals," said Karen Bober, who co-owns Fluff-n-Puff with Robin Modrzynski. "We treat every pet as if it were our own."

Bober, the older of the two at 57, has been grooming animals off and on since 1967. Although her 34-year-old partner may not be able to match her experience, Bober says Modrzynski is every bit as dedicated.

"Robin is new to grooming, having worked at it for about a year, but she's a quick study with a heart of pure puppy," Bober smiled.

According to Modrzynski, she and her partner are already contemplating an expansion into other pet-care areas.

"As we get to know the community and its needs, we may begin offering additional services such as doggy day-care, obedience classes, and conformation classes for show animals," she explained. "If people would like to see Fluff-n-Puff begin to offer these or other services, they should stop in or give us a call so that we know there's an interest out there."

Modrzynski, a Westland native who has lived in Romulus for 17 years, believes that the city is truly in need of a hometown grooming shop — and a new animal shelter, as well.

"We are great supporters of the fund-raising project initiated by Councilman Bill Wadsworth," she said. "Karen

and I have a number of plans for ways that we can help out."

Besides kicking around several fund-raising ideas, which they hope to implement soon, the two have already begun a program to benefit current shelter residents that face the possibility of being destroyed.

"Once a month, Robin and I are taking a dog from the shelter, giving it a complete grooming, and putting it up for 'adoption,'" said Bober. "We encourage anyone who is looking for a loving addition to their household to consider choosing a shelter animal."

Bober, originally from Detroit, is a widow who has lived in the Willis area for 38 years. She has 6 married children and 13 grandchildren.

Modrzynski and her husband Donald have a 16-year-old daughter and 2 sons, ages 13 and 11.

Both Bober and Modrzynski also breed and show Shetland sheepdogs ("shelties").

Fluff-n-Puff—located at 36522 Goddard Road in downtown Romulus — is open Mondays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Romulus Boys & Girls Club Honors District's Lamberson



Romulus Boys & Girls Club director Frank Rigger (right) presented Romulus Community Schools Transportation Department representative Karen Kusibab (standing in for Transportation director Shirley Lamberson) with the club's annual "Key Award" for providing an essential service to club members. Also pictured are (from left) Debbie Juriga, principal of Wick Elementary School; LeRoy Burcroff, club board member and Romulus City Councilman; and Tom Dolan, director of curriculum for Romulus Community Schools.

The Boys & Girls Club of Romulus recently honored Romulus Community Schools Transportation Department director Shirley Lamberson and her dedicated bus drivers for their sterling record of safely driving children to local club sites.

"The department provides a valuable service by transporting children to the club sites at Merriman and Wick elementary schools on a daily basis," said Romulus club director Frank Rigger. "We deeply appreciate this timely, courteous, and safe transportation that allows children to participate in club activities until 8:30 p.m."

Rigger then presented the club's "Key Award" to district representative Karen Kusibab, who accepted it on behalf of Lamberson and her fellow transportation department staff members.

Rigger also recognized club staff members and presented leadership awards to students who have shown outstanding citizenship and cooperation throughout the past year.

Leadership award winners included: Natasia Campbell, Renesha Chandler, Corinthia Clayton, Nicole Coffee, Andre Cuevas, Shakari Cummings, Justice Givhan, Jacell Green, Justin Huckestein, Julian Johnson, Tasheema Jones-Murray, Breonna Kelly, Mary Kelly, Damon King, Asia Lately, Dwayne Lately, Gary Logerstedt, Macee Logerstedt, Charlena Mabry, Olivia Madison, William McGinnis, Shon Middlebrook, Maurice Murphy, Dominic Pena, NaKendra Pinkston, NaKeya Pinkston, Joshua Radford, Tara Radford, Angelique Renfroe, Willie Sledge, Cedric Staples, and Brent Zimmerman. □

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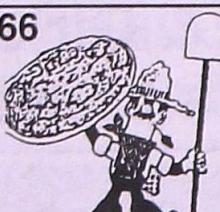


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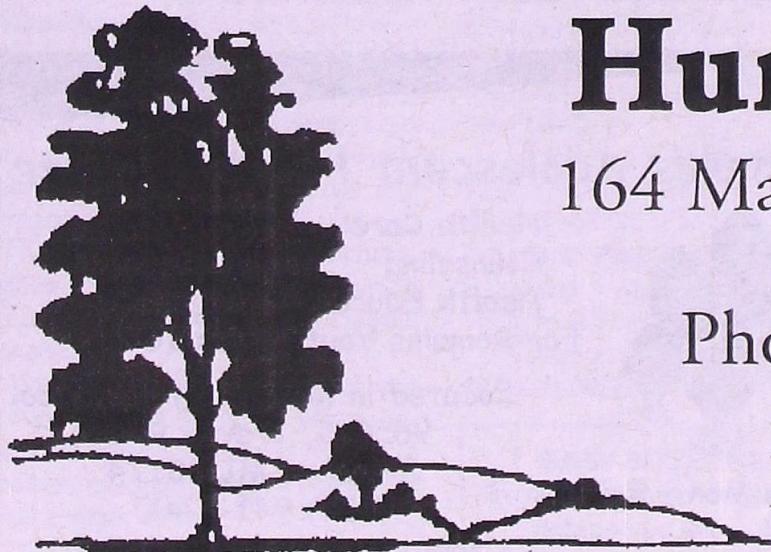
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Romulus Board of Education Receives Social Studies Report



Secondary social studies presenters included (from left) Jessica Mills (eighth-grader, Romulus Middle School), Don Foley (assistant principal, Romulus High School/secondary strand leader), Dan McCabe (department head, RMS), Charles Kidwell (district consultant), Shawn Shivnen (teacher, RHS), and Toni Gibson (junior, RHS).

When the Romulus Community Schools department of social sciences made its annual K-12 curriculum presentation to the Board of Education, there was one word in particular that kept cropping up.

"Economics is now an important part of the MEAP [Michigan Education Assessment Program] test, and this necessitates a K-12 approach for student mastery," explained Don Foley, secondary strand leader and assistant principal at Romulus High School.

Kindergarten students from Merriman teacher Laura Smith's class began the department's economics demonstration with brief skits about the goods and services provided by people in different occupations. The students, attired in colorful "uniforms," described various careers that they might adopt, including physician, fireman, and policeman.

Then, first-graders from teacher Barbara Knight's class made presentations about particular products and all the jobs that are related to their manufacture, distribution, and sale. They explained, for example, that it would take the jobs of sheep farmer, sheep shearer, yarn maker, yarn dyer, designer, weaver, truck driver, stockperson, and salesperson to make and sell a rug.

Next, eighth-grader Jessica Mills outlined how Middle School teacher and

social studies department head Dan McCabe created a micro-economy/society right in his classroom. McCabe devised a social system that allows students to elect leaders, find jobs, save/invest their money, and purchase goods and services. Students are required to keep track of how their income and what type of products they can purchase. When the "game" concludes, each student can "cash out" by selling his/her investments to McCabe, but only for the value he places on them. Students then total up their assets/liabilities and see how they "came out" monetarily.

"The students really learn from this real-life situation," McCabe explained. "They can see how far money goes and how fast debts can add up."

Romulus High School junior Toni Gibson, a student in Shawn Shivnen's class, concluded the presentation with a demonstration of her junior project, which required her to compare three jobs – one for a high-school graduate, another for a high-school graduate with technical training, and a third for a college graduate – and the life-styles that they would support. Gibson had to give an estimate of income and expenses for each of the three jobs she chose: court reporter, legal assistant, and lawyer. The straight-A student concluded that she would prefer the life-style of an attorney, and noted that the increased income level associated with that career would allow her to purchase a new car and house, marry, and afford a family.

District social studies consultant Charles Kidwell and elementary strand leader/Merriman principal Shellie Moore also attended the presentation. Kidwell has been the chief architect of the district's individualized education plans for sixth- and eighth-grade students, as well as the education portfolios that students compile and forward to colleges/universities and future employers. □



Merriman kindergarten and first-grade students who helped the district's social studies department make its annual curriculum presentation to the Romulus Board of Education included (from left) Drew Wilkerson, Rehman Sheikh, Marrell Hayes, Nikol Ray, Ashleigh Blair, Shanya Sturdivant, Daniel Hollis, and Elwin Ready.

Bands Finish Festival Season

District Band Festival Ratings for RHS and RMS

Name of Band	First Class	Second Judge	Third Judge	Sight Reading	Final Score
RMS Concert	C	I	II	II	I II
RMS Symphonic	A	I	I	I	I
RHS Concert	C	II	II	II	II
RHS Symphonic	A	II	II	II	I II
RHS Jazz	A	I	I	I	not rated I

The Romulus school district's bands have completed the 2003 festival season with a record of two first-division and three second-division ratings at the district-festival level. First-division ratings were earned by the Middle School Symphonic Band under the direction of Mark Fernandez and the High School Jazz Band under director Henry James.

Fernandez, who is also head of the

district's music department, was very complimentary of his symphonic band and its outstanding performance at Flat Rock High School. The band, performing in Class "A", received a "I" rating from each of the four judges at the festival.

The RHS Jazz Band, performing in Class "A" at Jackson High School, received "I" ratings from all three of the festival judges. □



The Romulus High School Jazz Band – under the direction of Henry James (right) – received all first-division ratings at the MSBOA Regional Jazz Festival, held at Jackson High School.

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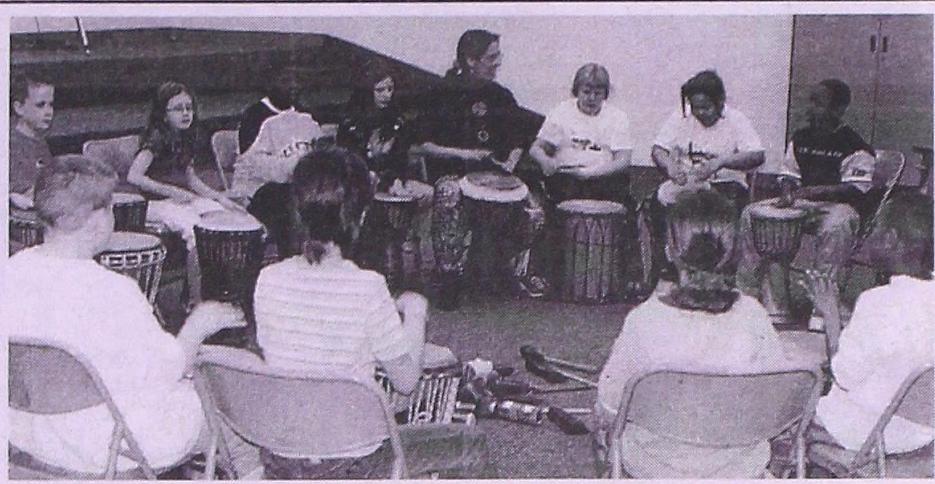
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"Drummunity" Shows Students Rhythm of Creativity, Wellness



Clinician Lori Fithian (back) demonstrates some rhythm patterns for Barth students at a recent "drummunity" clinic.

A concept called "drummunity" has captured the full attention of Barth Elementary music teacher Kevin Cook's classes. The word "drummunity" was invented by clinician Lori Fithian of Ann Arbor to describe the community-building process that happens when people come together around a circle of drums.

Using authentic African drums called ashikos and djiembes, Fithian—a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Music—has developed her own unique drum-circle techniques. She believes that practicing them can play a powerful role in a person's life.

"The drummetry circle promotes stress release, personal growth, cooperation, listening skills, team building, diversity awareness, spontaneity, creativity, relaxation, and wellness," she stated.

Clinician Fithian studied with Arthur Hull, author of *Drum Circle Spirit—Empowering Human Potential Through Rhythm*, and with neurologist and co-founder of HealthRhythms, Dr. Barry Bittman.

Fithian also has several drummetry groups that meet in Ann Arbor on a weekly basis. □



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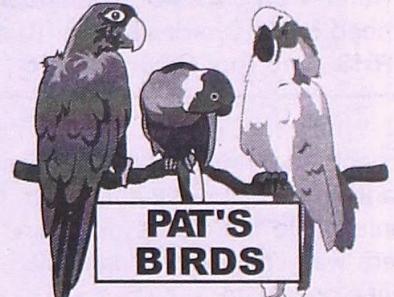
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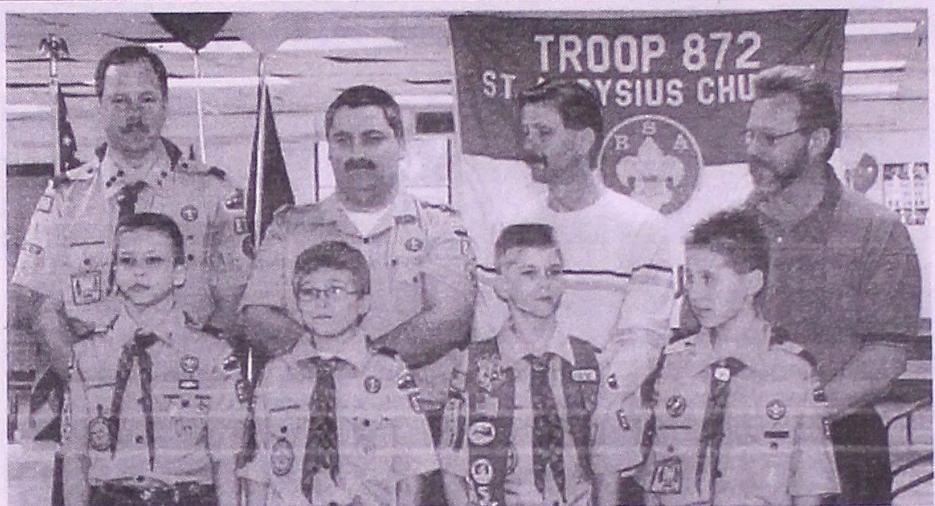
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Cub Scouts Pack 872 Hosts Annual Blue & Gold Banquet



Webelo Scouts (front, from left) John Lewkowicz, Ryan McLachlan, Brandon Gregg, and Alec Staten received the Arrow of Light Award (indicating that they are ready to cross over into Boy Scouting) during Pack 872's recent Blue & Gold Banquet. Proud parents (back, from left) Mark Lewkowicz, Robert McLachlan, Jim Gregg, and Dennis Staten looked on. *For more photos of Pack 872's activities, see pages 8-9.*

On February 9, 2003, Saint Aloysius Cub Scout Pack 872 held their annual Blue & Gold Banquet.

During the program, Webelo Scouts Brandon Gregg, John Lewkowicz, Ryan McLachlan, and Alec Staten earned the Arrow of Light Award — Cub Scouting's highest honor. In the subsequent cross-over ceremony, Ryan McLachlan was accepted into Boy Scout Troop 833 by Robert McLachlan, scoutmaster. Brandon Gregg, John Lewkowicz, and Alec Staten were accepted into Troop 872 by scoutmaster Thomas Witherow.

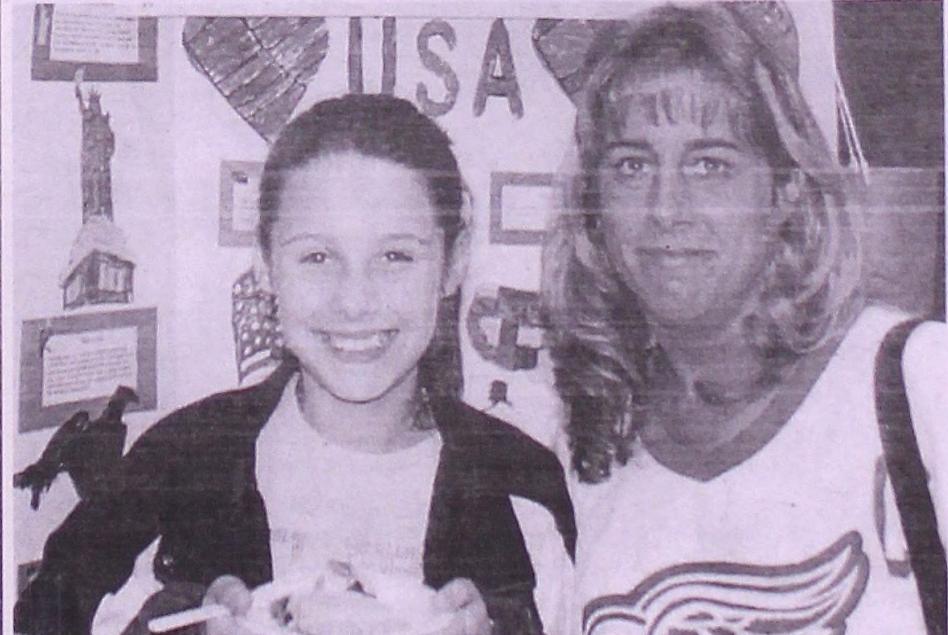
Next came the presentation of the coveted One Hour Per Week Award, which then-cubmaster Mark J. Lewkowicz* gave to the leaders who have

contributed at least one hour of their time per week *per scout* to the pack. Leaders earning this prestigious honor were Lisa Staten, committee chair; Derek Dotson, assistant cubmaster; Theresa McLachlan, treasurer; Virginia Silvey, Tiger Den leader; Theresa Kerr, Wolf Den leader; Diana Druyor, Bear Den leader; Janine Yandura, Bear Den assistant leader; Trish Wands, Webelo One Den leader (not present); and Gayle Gregg, Webelo Two Den leader.

All of the parents were thanked for their support of the pack and received a certificate of appreciation.

*Derek Dotson assumed the position of cubmaster for Pack 872 on Tuesday, April 1, 2003. □

Local Elementary Celebrates Diversity

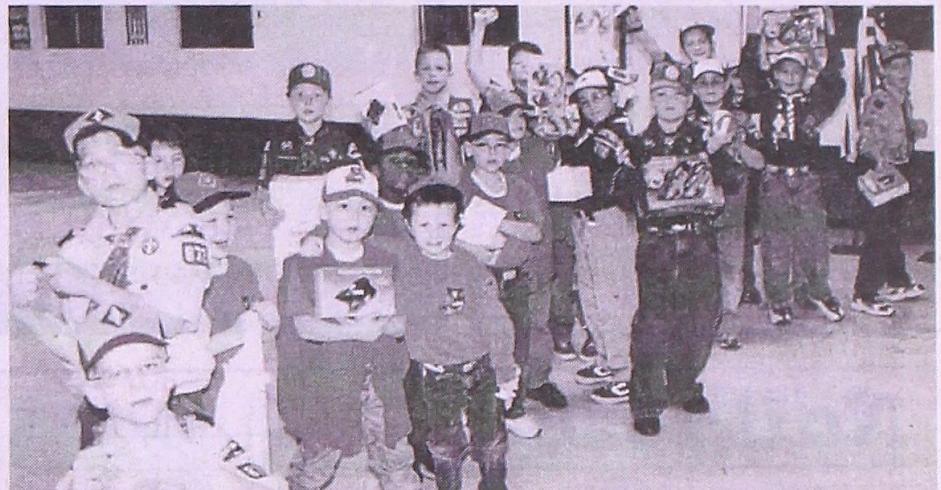


Sarah James (left) and Gina White indulged in a little "American pie" at Romulus Elementary School's recent "multicultural night" celebration. A large crowd enjoyed numerous international exhibits, delicacies, and entertainments in the school gymnasium.

Pack 872 Looks Back



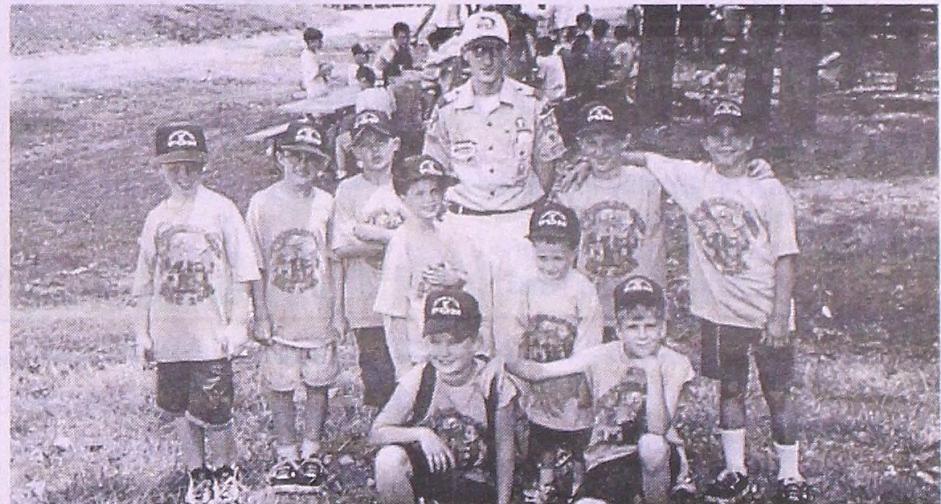
Halloween costumes were in order when Pack 872 attended the "Night of Terror" weekend at the Detroit Area Council Camp in Metamora, Michigan.



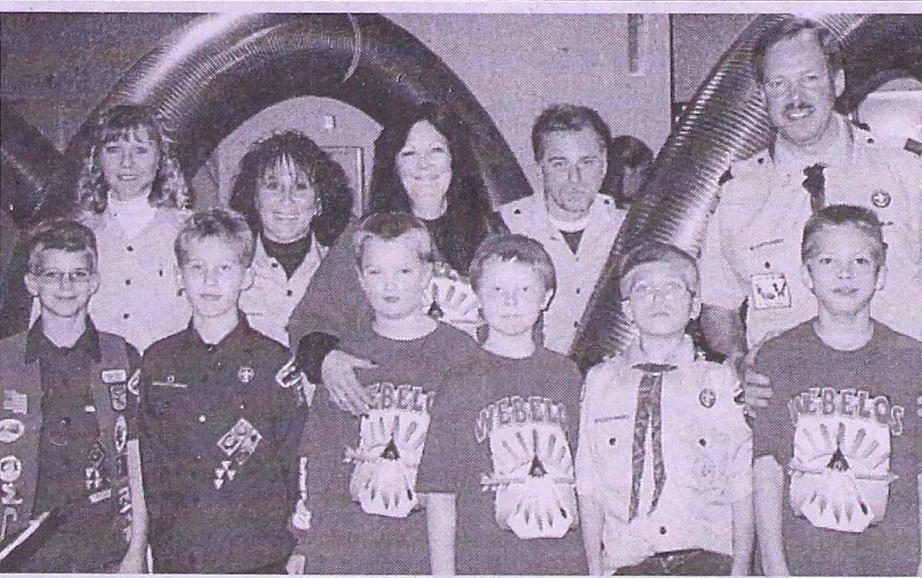
Scouts displayed the prizes that they earned by participating in the annual popcorn sale in November 2002.



In December 2002, scouts (front, from left) John Lewkowicz, Brandon Gregg, and Alec Staten earned a World Conservation Award by cleaning the tunnels that lead into the fort at Historic Fort Wayne. Also pictured are (back, from left) cubmaster Mark Lewkowicz, fort curator Bodie Morin, committee chair Lisa Staten, and museum volunteer Tim Johnson.



In June 2002, Pack 872 members who attended Day Camp at Taylor's Heritage Park got a head start on earning their awards with some help from "Ranger Dan" (back). Participants included: (from left) kneeling – Eric Wands and Brandon Gregg; standing – Dylan Dotson, Derrick Yandura, Ricky Druyor, Bobby Kerr, Ian Kerr, Alec Staten, and John Lewkowicz.



Earning their Scientist Pin during a December 2002 visit to COSI science center in Toledo, Ohio, were scouts (front, from left) Brandon Gregg, Alec Staten, Eric Wands, Dylan Dotson, Ryan McLachlan, and John Lewkowicz. Also pictured are (back, from left) Webelo Two Den leader Gayle Gregg, committee chair Lisa Staten, Webelo One Den leader Trish Wands, assistant cubmaster Derek Dotson, and cubmaster Mark Lewkowicz.



World War II veteran Andy Szerdi (back) had plenty of stories to share with the scouts during a December 2002 tour of the Yankee Air Force Museum. Tour participants included (from left) Billy Toner, Ian Kerr, Brandon Gregg, Bobby Kerr, Tyler Disney, Michael Cadden, Ricky Druyor, John Lewkowicz, Dylan Dotson, Andy Burcroff, Johnny Watts, Derrick Yandura, Anthony Silvey, and Christopher Silvey.

On A Very Busy Year



In July 2002, the Romulus Fire Department helped the boys from Pack 872 cool off. Here, Eric Wands operated a fire hose under the supervision of Fire Department Captain George Simco, while scouts Spencer Nieten and Ricky Druyor looked on.



Earning their archery belt loop at a January 2003 camp were: (from left) kneeling – Jeffrey Harris and Alec Staten; standing – Nathan Damron, Ricky Druyor, Anthony Silvey, John Lewkowicz, Spencer Nieten, Michael Cadden, Johnny Watts, Dylan Dotson, Derrick Yandura, and Blake Damron.



34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley (standing, third from left) thanked Pack 872 members for participating in the court's October 2002 bottle drive to benefit local leukemia victim Shannon Spicer. Pictured are: (from left) kneeling – Christopher Silvey, Ian Kerr, Anthony Silvey, and Andy Burcroff; standing – assistant cubmaster Derek Dotson, Bobby Kerr, Judge Oakley, Dylan Dotson, Ricky Druyor, Jeffrey Harris, Kevin Gilbert, Derrick Yandura, John Lewkowicz, and cubmaster Mark Lewkowicz.



Participating in the November 2002 Can Do Food Drive were: (from left) front – Kevin Gilbert, Billy Toner, Ian Kerr, Christopher Silvey, and Bobby Kerr; middle – Ricky Druyor, Johnny Watts, Dylan Dotson, Brandon Gregg, Derrick Yandura, Anthony Silvey, John Lewkowicz, Eric Wands, and Alec Staten; back – assistant cubmaster Derek Dotson, Tiger Den leader Virginia Silvey, Bear Den leader Diana Druyor, cubmaster Mark Lewkowicz, Webelo One Den leader Trish Wands, and committee chair Lisa Staten.



In December 2002, Eric Wands and Derek Dotson led the Christmas caroling prior to the City's annual tree-lighting ceremony at Romulus Historic Park.



Touring Historic Fort Wayne in October 2002 were (from left) John Lewkowicz, John Watts, Andy Burcroff, Ian Kerr, Bobby Kerr, Christopher Silvey, and Anthony Silvey.

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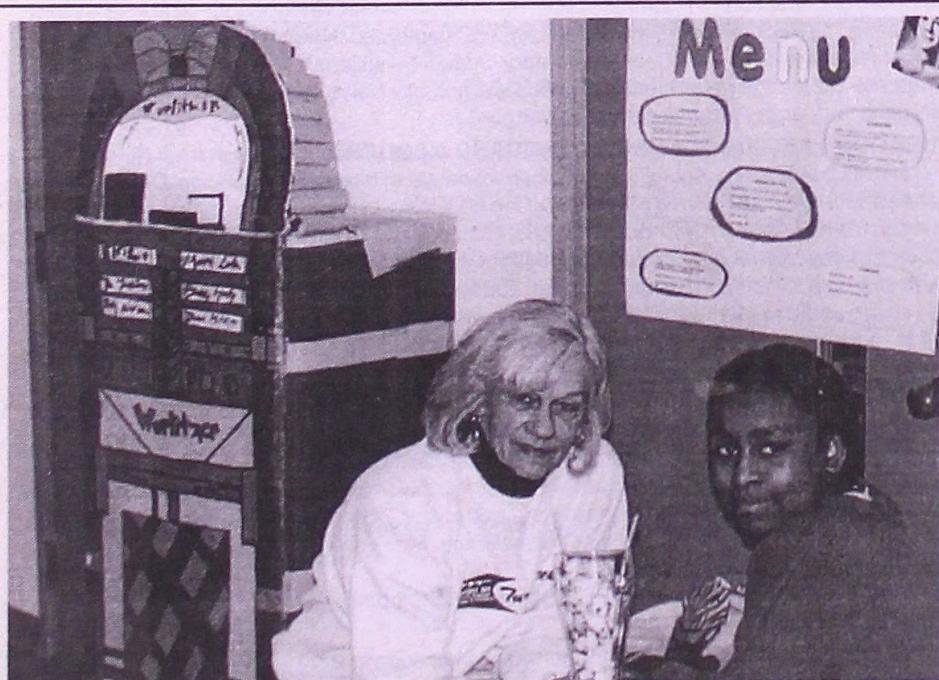
Parent coordinators Rita Talley (left, standing) and Janice Barden (left, seated) organized a very successful "Dad's Day" celebration at Cory Elementary School. Fathers in attendance enjoyed visiting classrooms and discussing ways to support not only their own children, but others in the neighborhood as well. The program concluded with a special luncheon.



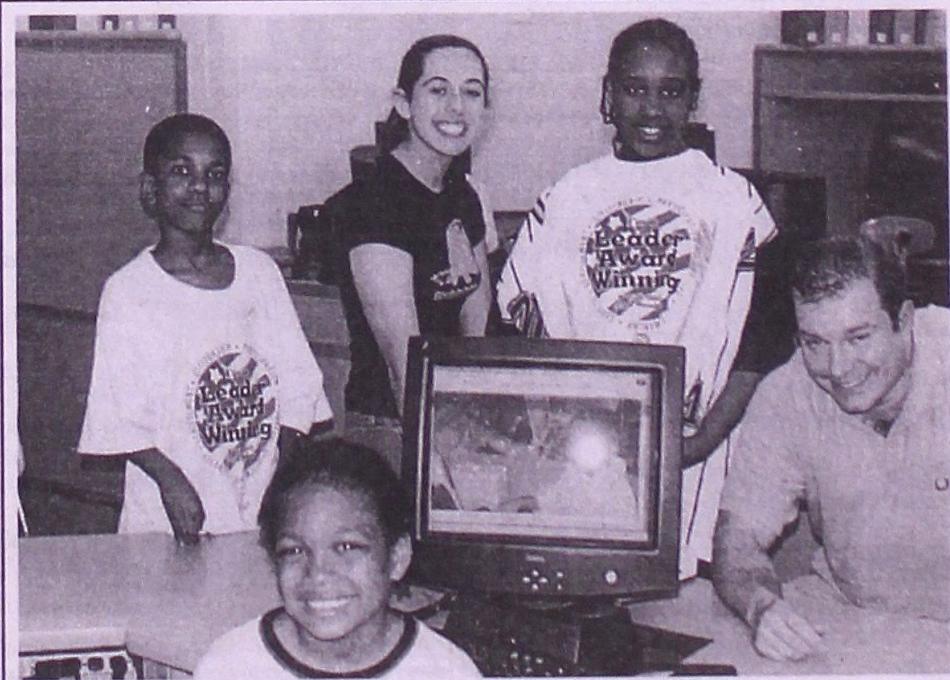
Cory's "principal's honor roll" students included: (from left) front – Caitlynn Lefler and Briana Glenn; middle – Janelle Carter, Mahelia Benjamin, Valerie Crawford, Jonathan Stone, and Ammie Gordon; back – Christine Amis, Melissa Dufore, Brooke Tanner, Cody Barnes, and Meriah Chapman.



Barth principal Diane Golka (second from left) proudly presented Councilman Bill Wadsworth (center) with \$1,276 her students raised for a new animal shelter. Also pictured: (from left) Kim Matthews, shelter director; Anne Hall, shelter staff member; and Theresa Blizman, Barth staff member.



Middle School security person Irene Patterson (left) enjoyed talking with 7B Team member Tamika Jackson at the school's recent "Celebration of the Decades." Jackson's team created a "diner" atmosphere, complete with jukebox, to represent the 1950s, while Team 7A recreated the '70s, Team 8C, the '60s, and Team 8D, the '80s.



Merriman Elementary's recent "Technology Night" program – taught by Rob Baty (right), a sixth-grade teacher at Barth Elementary School – featured a how-to lesson on creating and e-mailing a digital photo album. Program participants included (from left) Frank Williams, Joshua Radford, Jazmine Bennett, and Mary Kelly.

Wick Multicultural Night: A Sampling of Sights, Sounds, Tastes



(From left) Music teachers Linda Maich and Marva Hatcher had their students present a song-and-dance program as part of Wick Elementary's Multicultural Night extravaganza. Third-grader Desiree Kassa danced to "Walk Like An Egyptian" for an appreciative audience, including Kassa's friend Marissa Holman and Board of Education trustee Celeste Roscoe.



First-grade teacher Julie Forth (right) – by student Matthew Stoyan and his mother Liliana – welcomed visitors into their classroom, which featured this colorful Romanian-theme Easter egg collage. Another highlight of the event was a feast of ethnic foods from countries such as Italy and Mexico.

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REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 14, 2003

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, April 14, 2003, was called to order by Acting President Betty M. Lenossi at 6:30 p.m.

Roll call showed members Lenossi, April Frayer, Michael Woods, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, and Niema White present. Board member Cheryle Buckley excused. All administrators were present.

Acting President Lenossi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

4/03/1 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Frayer to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

4/03/2 Moved by Frayer supported by White to approve the Minutes of March 24, 2003, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Retirement Resolutions

4/03/3 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Roscoe to adopt the resolution for Nancy Schonscheck in recognition of 32 years of service to Romulus Community Schools as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

4/03/4 Moved by Frayer supported by Mientkiewicz to adopt the resolution for Sylvia Thompson to adopt the resolution in recognition of years of service to Romulus Community Schools as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT – FYI: Christopher Borowski, Custodial "A", High School, effective April 14, 2003.

RESIGNATIONS: Kendra Akers, Resource Teacher, Halecreek Elementary, effective April 1, 2003; Maryanne Leadbetter, Teacher, Halecreek Elementary, effective April 2, 2003; Nancy Bazik, Physical Education Teacher, Halecreek Elementary, effective December 31, 2003.

4/03/5 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Roscoe to approve the personnel actions as offered by Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

4/03/6 Moved by White supported by Frayer to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Social Studies Presentation

Mr. Don Foley, Mr. Charles Kidwell, Mrs. Shellie Moore, Ms. Laura Smith, Mr. Dan McCabe, Ms. Shawn Shivnen, Ms. Jessica Mills, and Ms. Toni Gibson presented an overview of the Social Studies curriculum throughout the district.

Electrical Supply Service

4/03/7 Moved by Frayer supported by Mientkiewicz that the Board of Education accept the electrical supply service of Strategic Energy, LLC, for their not-to-exceed-ceiling price and estimated annual savings for a period of 34 months. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Athletic Field Discussion

Superintendent Joel R. Carr discussed with the Board of Education a possible alternative surface for the athletic field. The Board agreed with the pursuit of alternatives.

Designation of Elector – RESA

4/03/8 Moved by Frayer supported by White that the Board of Education appoint Kenneth Mientkiewicz as a representative of Romulus Community Schools to vote for one candidate for the Board of Education of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency at the Biennial Election on Monday, June 2, 2003 at 6 p.m. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications from the public.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Communication from Representative Hopgood; 2) MASB – Worth Repeating; 3) RHS – Parent Newsletter; 4) Cory Elementary Newsletter; 5) Romulus Middle School Newsletter; 6) Romulus Elementary School Newsletter; 7) The Merriman Star; 8) Halecreek Elementary Newsletter; 9) Wick Elementary Newsletter; 10) University of Michigan Field Turf; and 11) After-school Tutoring.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Michael Woods inquired about a consolidation of Intermediate School Districts being planned. Mrs. Celeste Roscoe asked about the possibility of incorporating some band or choir music in the background of Channel 19. Mrs. Niema White inquired about reteachers and the number of days scheduled to work throughout the school year. Mrs. Betty Lenossi praised Barth students for their efforts in raising \$1,200 for the Romulus Animal Shelter. Mrs. Lenossi also spoke about student Jonathan McLachlan, who is working towards an Eagle Scout award and is requesting donations of tape players and tapes for Mott Children's Hospital.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS:

4/03/9 Moved by Roscoe supported by Mientkiewicz that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: White, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, Woods, Lenossi, and Frayer. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened into Executive Session at 7:37 p.m.

4/03/10 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Roscoe that the Board convene in Regular Session. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: White, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, Woods, Lenossi, and Frayer. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 8:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

4/03/11 Moved by Roscoe supported by Mientkiewicz that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryle Buckley, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Community Calendar

- **"Lupus: Hope Through Understanding"** – A lupus educational seminar, titled "Lupus: Hope Through Understanding," will be held at the Dearborn Centennial Library on Saturday, May 3, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. The seminar is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Lupus Alliance (800-705-6677) or visit www.milupus.org.
- **Free Rose-growing Seminars** – Great Lakes Roses (located at 49875 Willow Road between Rawsonville and Sumpter/Belleview roads in Sumpter Township) invites the public to take part in one or more of the following free, one-day workshops: **How To Plant Roses** (Sunday, May 4, at 1 p.m., or Monday, May 5, at 11 a.m.); **Succeed with Climbing Roses** (Sunday, May 11, at 1 p.m., or Monday, May 12, at 11 a.m.); and **Insect & Disease Control for Roses** (Sunday, May 25, at 1 p.m., or Monday, May 26 (Memorial Day), at 11 a.m. Participants are urged to dress for the weather! No reservation is necessary. For more information, call 734-461-1230 or visit the Great Lakes Roses Web site (www.GreatLakesRoses.com).
- **Church Celebrates 125th Anniversary** – As part of the St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church's 125th anniversary celebration, the church (corner of Craig and Ellis streets, New Boston) is inviting the public to attend a special program featuring guest speaker C. William Hoesman, Michigan District president, on Sunday, May 4, at 9:30 a.m. Call 734-753-9048 or e-mail StPauls@1878.ameritech.net for more information.
- **Technology Nights – Microsoft Office Applications** – The Romulus Community Schools' next Technology Nights program – set for Monday and Tuesday, May 12–13 – will focus on using Microsoft Office applications. Instructor will be Rob Baty, sixth-grade teacher at Barth Elementary School. Pizza/refreshments will be served. To RSVP, call 734-532-1275.
- **"Sons of the Desert" Celebrate Laurel & Hardy Films** – The Detroit-area chapter of Sons of the Desert, a Laurel & Hardy fan club, will meet at Mama Mia's Restaurant (located at 27770 Plymouth Road, west of Inkster, in Livonia) on Thursday, May 15. (Parking is available across the street in the west lot; enter through the banquet hall doors.) Dinner will be served between 6 and 8 p.m.; films and fun will follow. For more information, contact Frank by telephone (734-955-2487) or by e-mail (rozlaf@aol.com).
- **Romulus Democratic Club** – The Romulus Democratic Club meets at the UAW Hall/Local #174 (29841 Van Born Road) on the third Thursday of every month (next meeting: May 15) at 7 p.m. For more information, call Jack H. Trumble, Club President, at 734-941-3513, or page him at 734-360-2232.
- **"African American Experience" Book Discussion Group** – The African American Experience Book Discussion Group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (next meeting: May 21) at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road). New members are always welcome. For more information about the club or its reading list, call 734-942-7589.
- **Kentuckians of Michigan To Host Country Dance** – The Kentuckians of Michigan will host their next Country Dance – featuring live entertainment provided by the Kentucky Bluebirds – at Liberty Park (located at 28391 Bredow Road in Romulus) on Saturday, May 31. A buffet meal will be served from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Beer and setups included. No one under age 21 will be admitted. Admission is \$15 per person. Call 734-782-0132 for information.
- **Open Swimming** – Open swimming continues to be offered at Romulus High School's new pool complex (located at 9650 South Wayne Road, just north of I-94) according to the following schedule: **Adults Only** (Mondays from 6 to 7 a.m. and 6 to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesdays from 3 to 5:30 p.m.; and Wednesdays from 6 to 7 a.m.), **Seniors (age 60+) Only** (Tuesdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m.), **Teens (ages 13–17) Only** (Wednesdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m.), **All Ages** (Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 p.m.), and **Family Swimming** (Fridays from 6 to 8:30 p.m.). To participate, all swimmers *must* preregister at the Romulus Adult and Community Education Office, located at 39000 Superior. Children under the age of 13 *must* be accompanied by an adult. Proper swimming attire required. Cost for residents is \$3 per session (\$2 for senior citizens) or \$60 for an all-year pass (\$40 for senior citizens). Family passes – a real bargain! – are available to Romulus residents for just \$100 per year. For more information, please call 734-532-1956.

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RHS Athletics



The Romulus High School Eagles lacrosse program, now in its third season, continues to grow. Head coach Jason Kahler reported that 40 students came out for the team this year. The RHS Eagles opened their current season with a 5–4 overtime win against Plymouth Canton. Chris Anderson scored his third goal of the game with less than one minute left in the overtime period.



The RHS Lady Eagles soccer team started off its season with a victory, as well, defeating River Rouge by a score of 2–0. Team members include: (from left) front – Yvette Douglas, Courtney MacDougall, Nicole Gillespie, Jese Lowrey, Shavon Bell, Sara Schulz, Lanunya Averett, Kristin Smith, Carissa Drobil, and Katie Bolus; back – Angelia Siggia (head coach), Jamie Suiter, Amanda Nowicki, Crystal Scott, Tiffany Block, Amanda Willingham, Tiffiney Ramsay, Constance Kersey, Jessica Obayan, and Stephanie Carpenter (assistant coach).



The RHS Lady Eagles softball team, under head coach Kellie Knight, is off to a 1–1 start in their Mega Gold Division. Team members include: (from left) front – Chelsea Smith, Stephanie Gurner, and Rebecca Thornton; second – Lauren Romak, Lindsay Coughlin, Katie Hall, and Kristina Rafalski; third – Lindsay Beresasy, Sabrina Hool, Jessica Bright, Amanda Hollis, and Christie Davis; back – Carolyn Moore and Victoria Lucaj.

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, for contributing information to the "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call the Center's new telephone number: 734-955-4120.)

Romulus Senior Social Club

The new Romulus Senior Social Club, already 75 strong, is hoping to add you to its membership list. Upcoming activities include an executive meeting (May 2, 2 p.m.), general meeting (May 9, 2 p.m.), and trip to see a stage production of *Annie* (May 18). Annual dues are just \$5. Sign up at the Center.

Mother's Day Tea

The Romulus Senior Center invites you to bring your favorite teacup/teapot to its Mother's Day Tea planned for noon on Monday, May 12. Highlights of the afternoon will include a number of hat contests – with prizes awarded for the most elegant, most colorful, and funniest – as well as a refreshing menu featuring chicken pasta salad, desserts, and, of course, tea.

Tickets for this elegant event are just \$3 per person, with discounts offered for wearing a hat (\$.25 off) or bringing a teacup and/or teapot (\$.25 and \$.50, respectively). Deadline for registration is Friday, May 9.

Movie Time

Relax and take in a movie (to be announced) with old and new friends at the Romulus Senior Center on Thursday, May 29, at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Senior Day at Southland

Take advantage of seniors-only specials on Friday, May 16, when the Senior Center van travels to Southland Mall for Senior Citizen Day. Although there is no transportation fee for this trip, pre-registration is required as space is limited.

Holocaust Museum

The Romulus Senior Center will be taking a trip to the Holocaust Museum on Thursday, May 8, at 9:30 a.m. Although there is no admission charge, donations are welcomed. The cost of lunch (at a local eatery) is not included.

Since seating is limited, be sure to preregister at the Senior Center as soon as possible.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman.

- **Holland at Tulip Time**
(May 6; \$69);
- **Windsor Racetrack Slots**
(May 6; \$5);
- **Greek Town Casino**
(May 18; \$12);
- **Shipshewana**
(June 3; \$55);
- **Kalloway's**
(June 4; \$54);
- **Windsor Racetrack Slots**
(June 10; \$5);
- **Detroit Maritime (Diamond Jack)**
(June 19; \$58);
- **Dixieland Revue**
(July 30; \$299);
- **Motor City Casino**
(July 31; \$12);
- **Motor City Casino/Diamond Jack**
(August 5; \$36);
- **Titanic (exhibit, Imax, lunch, more)**
(August 21; \$63);
- **Mackinac Island/Bridge Walk**
(August 31–September 2; \$269); and
- **Arizona Tour**
(November 1–17; \$999).

Note: Deposits – due at the time of sign-up – reserve your seat. For day trips, full payment is due at least two weeks before departure. For overnight trips, full payment is due a minimum of 30 days before departure.

Ask an Attorney

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, at the Center. Walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (734-942-6852) are welcome.

Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, May 19, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center to make an appointment.

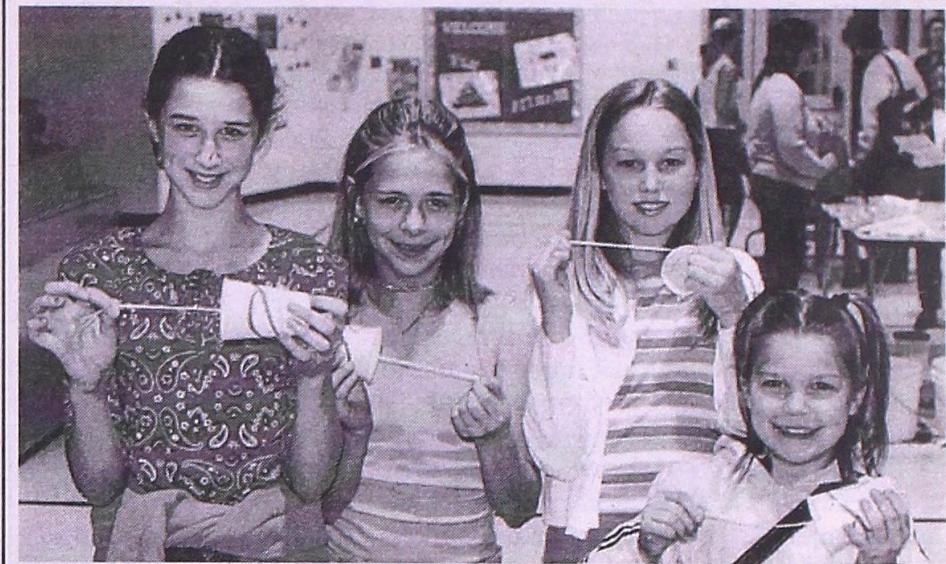
Note: Haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

Weekly Programs

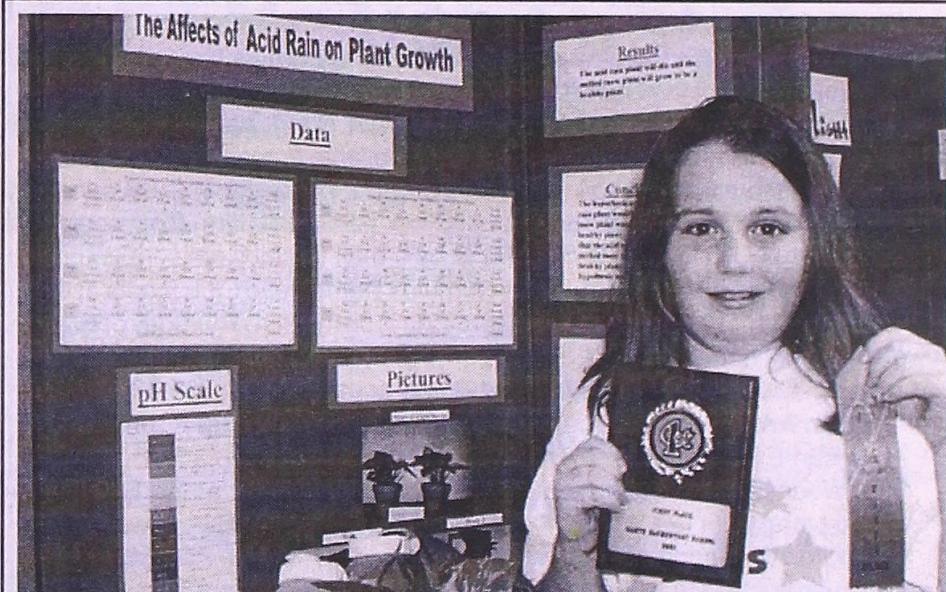
Besides the many special activities offered at the Romulus Senior Center, a number of regularly scheduled free or low-cost programs are also open to local senior citizens. They include:

- ceramics (Mondays, 1 and 6 p.m.),
- Club #1 (Tuesdays, 11 a.m.),
- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- "fun night" (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- pinochle (Thursdays, 12:30 p.m.),
- quilting (Thursdays, 7 p.m.). □

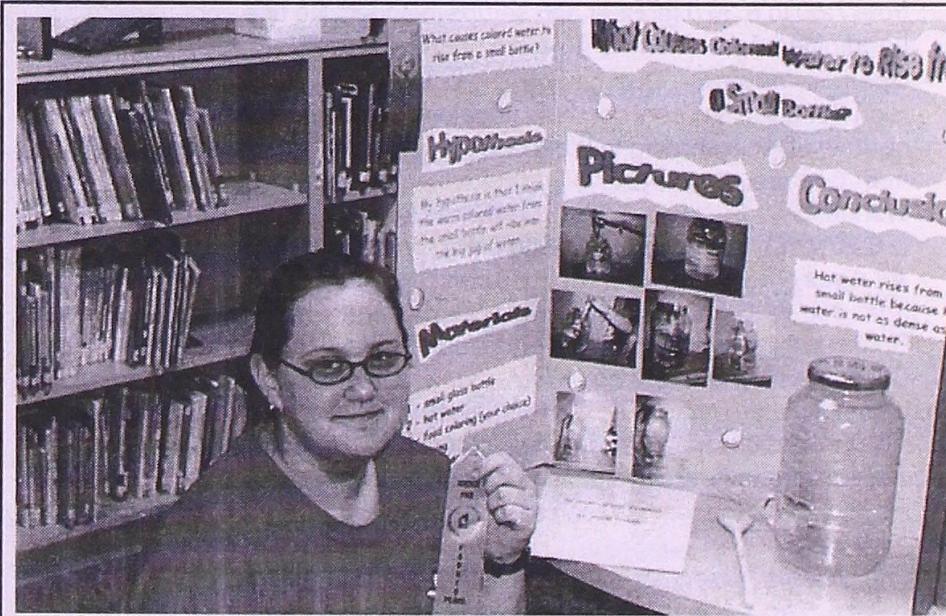
Barth Science Night



Barth Elementary students (from left) Emily Doyle, Samantha Watson, Alexis Moore, and Emily Lewkowicz pulled their thumbs and forefingers along a string attached to the bottom of a cup in an acoustical experiment that they conducted during the school's recent Science Night program. (All four were able to make a sound like a quacking duck.)



Fourth-grader Jennifer Sylvester proudly displayed her first-place ribbon and plaque for her acid rain/plant growth experiment.



Sixth-grader Kayla Dizney showed off the ribbon she received for her exhibit at the Science Night program, which also featured more than 25 hands-on science activities for attendees.

Obituaries

Gladys I. Grose

Gladys I. Grose of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Monday, April 28, 2003. She was 78 years old.

The native of Brookhaven, Mississippi, was born on Saturday, November 22, 1924.

Gladys is survived by 2 sons, Alex (Suzanne) Grose (New Boston, MI) and Lyle (Diane) Alley (Canton, MI); 3 daughters, Karen Plesa (Belleville, MI), Brenda Grose (Romulus, MI), and Sharon (Brian) Tinder (Taylor, MI); 3 brothers, Joe (Boots) Watts (MS), L.A. (Opal) Watts (Wayne), and Leslie (Louise) Watts (Battle Creek, MI); a sister, Jennie (Richard) Barney

(Willis, MI); 11 grandchildren; and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Among those who preceded her in death were her parents, Louis and Mabel (Nettles) Watts; her husband, Elmer C. Grose, who passed away on December 14, 1982; and a son, Keith Grose, who died on February 14, 1992.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, May 1, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with the Reverend D. Lee Cullen, Jr. (St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, New Boston) officiating. Interment was at Highland Cemetery (Ypsilanti, MI).

Sonja B. Hall-Rollins

Sonja B. Hall of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, April 24, 2003, at the age of 37.

Sonja – an employee of the Ford Motor Company for the past 8 years – was born in Germany on Wednesday, August 18, 1965. She was loved, and will be missed, by all who knew her.

Surviving Sonja are her parents, Tony M. Hall (Rose City, MI) and Maria (Kettlitz) Hall (Belleville, MI); 5 children, Angela and Christine Derryberry (both of Belleville, MI), twins Maria and Marissa Hall-Burkhart, and Amber Rollins (all of Romulus); a brother, Anthony Hall

(Wayne, MI); and grandparents Milton and Rosetta Hall (KY) and Maria Kettlitz (Germany).

A grandfather, William Kettlitz, was among those predeceasing her.

A funeral mass was held on Monday, April 28, at St. Anthony Catholic Church (Belleville), with Father Thomas H. Cusick as celebrant. Interment was at Union-Udell Cemetery (Ypsilanti Township, MI).

Arrangements were made by David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville).

Memorial contributions to the Hall-Rollins family would be appreciated.

Marianne Haynes

Marianne Haynes of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Monday, April 21, 2003, at the age of 72.

The native of Detroit, Michigan, was born on Saturday, February 21, 1931.

Marianne is survived by 3 children, Thomas R. (Valerie) Haynes (Romulus), Roberta Ann (Tony) LaDuke (St. Ignace, MI), and David Murray Haynes (Romulus); 1 brother, Charles Pauley (FL); and 6 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her

husband, Robert Hayes, who passed away in 1975; her parents; a brother, William Pauley; and her long-time companion, John Dunaj, who died in 1999.

A funeral service was held on Friday, April 25, at David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville, MI), with Pastor Robert Roscoe officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Memorial tributes to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9568 (Romulus) would be appreciated by the family.

Sylvia M. Rutkowski

Sylvia M. Rutkowski of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Friday, April 18, 2003. She was 73 years old.

Born on Sunday, November 10, 1929, the native of Hamtramck, Michigan, enjoyed gardening and traveling in the country, especially in northern Michigan. Sylvia also had a fondness for collectibles, particularly antique chickens, and loved to frequent flea markets. Her family and grandchildren were a very important part of her life.

Among those surviving Sylvia are her husband, Walter Rutkowski; 2 sons,

Mark (Carol) Rutkowski (Romulus) and Gary (Barb) Rutkowski (Canton, MI); a daughter, Carol (Ted) Gilliland (Romulus); 7 grandchildren, Lesley, Todd, Megan, Ryan, Kelly, Kyle, and Kimberly; and 1 great-granddaughter, Kaitlyn.

A funeral mass was held Wednesday, April 23, at St. Stephen Catholic Church (New Boston, MI), with Father Alexander J. Wytrwal officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Billy Taylor Sr.

Billy Taylor, Sr., of Beaverton, Michigan, passed away on Monday, April 21, 2003, at the age of 66.

Billy was born on Saturday, November 14, 1936, in Dover, Tennessee. The former resident of New Boston, Michigan, worked on the assembly line at Guardian Glass (Carleton, MI) before his retirement in 1983.

Surviving Billy are his mother, Maggie Taylor (Westland, MI); 3 daughters, Joan Bigelow (Beaverton), Karen Martin (Romulus, MI), and Peggy Peters (Clare, MI); a son, Billy Taylor, Jr. (Beaverton); 8 brothers and sisters; 7 grand-

children, Jeff, Heather, Angela, Jerry, Jason, Tonya, and Keith; 2 great-grandchildren, Todd and Bradly; and several nieces and nephews.

Among those predeceasing him were his father, James Taylor, and his wife, Thelma Taylor, whom he married in Ohio on November 11, 1959, and who passed away in 2000.

A memorial service will be held at the family home (4411 Roehrs Road, Beaverton) on Saturday, May 3, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Arrangements were made by Hall Funeral Home (Gladwin, MI).

Darryl G. Schewe

Darryl G. Schewe of New Boston, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, April 17, 2003, at the age of 59.

Darryl – a native of Wayne, Michigan – was born on Sunday, June 20, 1943. Among his diverse interests were boxing, playing pool, old cars, comic books, tabloids, yard work, and growing tomatoes. He also took great pride in watching his grandson participate in sports. Darryl will be remembered as a man who would do anything for family and friends. His many good deeds included repairing old cars to serve as "first cars" for new drivers.

Among those surviving Darryl are his wife, Dorothy A. (Newcom) Schewe, whom he married on June 27, 1964; 2 sons, Kevin (Rashel) Schewe (Huron Township, MI) and Keith (Melissa) Schewe (Murphysboro, TN); a daugh-

ter, Kellee Stranyak (New Boston); a brother, Jimmie (Josephine) Schewe (Garden City, MI); a sister, Marlene (Lenny) Simmonds (Westland, MI); 6 grandchildren, Kevin Schewe, Nolan Schewe, Chandler Schewe, Connor Schewe, Keaton Stranyak, and Karson Stranyak; a nephew, Herman Schewe (Dearborn Heights, MI); a niece, Jennifer Schewe (Westland); and many other nieces and nephews.

Darryl was predeceased by his parents, Herman and Lela (Jordan) Schewe, as well as 3 brothers, Chuck, Herman, and Gary Schewe.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, April 19, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Pastor Robert J. White (Grace Baptist Church, Belleville, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Gay Lynne Warren

Gay Lynne Warren of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, April 15, 2003. She was 53 years old.

Gay – born in Ypsilanti, Michigan, on Sunday, January 8, 1950 – was employed as a science "reteacher" by the Romulus Community Schools and had worked for 12 years as a tutor for Wayne County Community College. She was an avid gardener, starting new gardens wherever she worked, and was also involved in the Friends of the Rouge River water-testing project.

Surviving Gay are her son, Anthony

Lovetro (Westland, MI); 2 daughters, Rachel (Shannon) Taylor (Belleville, MI) and Jessica Lovetro (Westland, MI); a brother, Tim (Rose) Warren (TX); 2 sisters, twin Gayle Milspaugh (Romulus) and Mitzie Downs (Presque Isle, MI); and 2 grandchildren, Nathan and Kayla Taylor.

Her parents, Galen O. and Sue E. (Hovater) Warren, predeceased her.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, April 22, at Crane Funeral Home, with Dr. Jim Lutz (Metro Baptist Church, Belleville) officiating. □

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